
New Horizons School Council Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2016
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Learning Common, New Horizons School

Bring/ Read: Minutes of April 12 meeting. Please be aware that paper copies of meeting minutes and agenda will not be provided.

Attendees: Nicole Pasemko, Katie McCaskill, Kim Johnson, Darlene Groten, Ted Zarowny, Stephen Hofforth, Lori Vigfusson, Mr Richard Groten, Sheri Jensen

1. Call to order 6:38pm
2. Introductions
3. Review agenda
4. Approval of Minutes from April 12 meeting, as presented.

MOTION- Kim Johnson motions to approve meeting minutes from April, seconded by Lori Vigfusson. Motion carried.

5. Reports

- Principals's report 10 minutes Mr Zarowny
- Very busy April. Talent show was very well attended, a little bit longer than we'd like but we we're happy to have support and interest. We have been working on gathering school survey data, will present at School Board meeting tomorrow. Phase 1 of modernization is set to begin over the summer. The whole east side of the school will be shut down for renovations. Hopefully it will be ready to be used in October and November. Lots of nooks and crannies will be used for storage. We won't have a gym next fall, so we're unsure about if volleyball team can go ahead. New modulars will go up on West side in August, hopefully ready for September. Michel LaPointe will be the principal of the Francophone school (ecole Claudete-et-Denis-Tardif) , had a walk around with him.
- Financial Officer's report 10 minutes Darlene Groten
 - Receipts
 - March and April receipts recap. Waiting on knives to come in, they have been ordered. Chess sets were under budget at \$74.31. Just under \$1000 in field trips paid. Recess equipment was budgeted for \$50 per class. Classroom incentives have been quiet so far. Chromebooks were under budget and 3D printer we spent the full allocated amount.
 - Sports Day is coming up and there are a number of items which have been requested for support. We had a general \$100 allocated but they are looking for 2 big, reusable water jugs (19L gallons \$50each) , and Dixie cups (450 pack at Costco for \$16.59). ~250 Freezies (\$84)
 - **MOTION-** Katie, motions to spend up to \$250 to support Sports Day, seconded by Kim Johnson. Motion carried.
 - **ACTION ITEM** - Katie will look into Dixie Cup pricing and Freezie pricing at a few of her suppliers around the city and report back for possible lower prices than Costco.

- FANHS' report 5 minutes FANHS representative
- Next FANHS meeting is the planning meeting for the next school year. Wednesday June 1 at 6:30. Filled Secretary position filled, remainder of positions open. Casino will come up in the first part of 2017, which makes a great deal of money and must be used for very specific items. Name of organization goes on a list and casino's come up in rotation, every few years.

- Communications Officer Katie McCaskill
Nothing to add.

- Chair's report Nicole Pasemko
- We will be looking for Executive positions for next year. How do we get more people to come to meetings and to be engaged? We have a budget for babysitting for parents with young parents. We are hopeful that parents will join us. A lot of people put in time and years and we have a big group of "veteran" parents leaving this year. We will try to encouraged people to come. Maybe a hardcopy of an invitation sent home. Maybe an email out to new kindergarten parents (2016/2017) to invite them to June's meeting.

6. Previously Tabled Business

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7. Items for Discussion/Input 30 minutes

- Staff appreciation lunch

Discussion: Very hard to get a confirmed date. Tentatively on June 29. Last working day for teachers/ staff, they wont have to rush back to class. We can cater or consider a potluck- but we've had trouble having people contribute and pull it together. There could be a max of 23 people here that day. We could do a budget of \$550 witch could be a \$500 with a \$50 buffer. Last year we spent \$330 but it was tight for funds as per caterer.

ACTION ITEM - Katie will look into prices from a few customers and Katie will ask Rhonda Jenkin if she is interested.

MOTION- Katie McCaskill motions to spend up to \$550 for the staff appreciation luncheon on June 29, seconded by Darlene Groten. Motion carried.

- Year End Field Trip monies instead of recess Equipment (Ms V) - Grade 4 has \$28 left in field trip budget and they are doing a Ft Edmonton Park field trip on June 24. They have been collecting bottles, and the students have decided they'd look to see if they can put the \$50 for recess equipment toward their field trip budget.
- Discussion ensues. Decided to use incentive money instead as the teacher had no plans for those funds.
- **MOTION-** Darlene motions for the grade 4 class re-allocation of classroom incentive funds up to \$120 for year end field trip celebration, seconded by Kim Johnson. Motion carried.
- Lori Vigfusson- brought forth request for funds from various teachers.
- Grade 9 grad. Mr Zarowny. Grade 9's want to have it at a students house on June 10. Have all the kids together and order pizza. Not sure if that is the intent for the traditional "grad" idea. Traditionally there is more of a farewell with parents and

students and staff. Mr Zarowny would like to plan something more formal, even in school, for a more official farewell. Discussion ensues.

- **MOTION-** Katie McCaskill motions to spend up to \$500 for a grade 9 graduation celebration, seconded by Kim Johnson. Motion carried.
- **MOTION-** Kim Johnson motions to spend up to \$200 total (\$100 per K class) for a kindergarten graduation, seconded by Katie McCaskill. Motion carried.
- **MOTION-** Katie McCaskill motions to spend up to \$200 for props/sets/costumes for the Shakespeare play, seconded by Kim Johnson. Motion carried.
- **MOTION-** Kim Johnson motions to spend up to \$700 on props/costumes/set for upcoming drama production. Seconded by Katie McCaskill. Motion carried.
- **MOTION-** Darlene Groten motions to spend up to \$1100 on specialized science equipment, seconded by Katie McCaskill. Motion carried.
- **MOTION-** Kim Johnson motions to spend up to \$500 on a historical impersonator for the grade 4-9 classes, in support of the social studies curriculum. Seconded by Darlene Groten. Motion carried.

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- 2016-2017 fund allocation process -

Discussion ensues. School enhancement has been used mainly for big ticket items. Our Fund Allocation Model was based on parental input from the beginning of the 2015/2016 year (online poll). There are things we can change for the upcoming year. School support- we will not spend it all this year but we will come close. Possibly we might need to rent out another facility for physical education/ sports team. Would like to add \$5000 to academic support (additional funds for phys ed enhancement during time of modernization). Sports and wellbeing can be combined and increased due to modernization, again to rent out facilities while ours is unavailable. Keep clubs at \$100/club, keep at 7 clubs. Combine sports and wellbeing- increase to \$1000 for possible facility rental fees due to modernization. Events seems to be good, we are using it up now as we come to the end of the year with drama productions. Staff support, leave alone at \$500. New total \$12700 for School Support.

Field trips will be a hot topic. We will add this to the next meeting, we will discuss field trip support. Aim for \$35 per student (290 students) is \$9800. Either parents will need to step up and fundraise to have it covered, or we will aim to put in on school fees. Recess equipment stays at \$50 per class. \$100 per class for classroom incentives, discussion ensues. May need to make the category more flexible, classroom incentives can include special field trips, special speaker, add teachers discretion to pool for students. We can get rid of contingency because the fund allocation is flexible. School enhancement: Technology: \$20,000 for a new set of chrome books (grade 3). Sports equipment can be removed as we purchased most of the big items and there are no more items required for next year. Major projects- movable stage lights need replacing. Maybe score clock goes on fund allocation again next year but as a reduced priority. Community building/Parent support: Dianne Gosson coming next year (Sept 16). Reduce guest speaker budget to \$500, team building keep at \$500. Public relations/hospitality \$500, keep in case of emergency.

Ms Vigfusson is looking into a "new parent night". Change photocopying to general admin, keep at \$100. Babysitting keep at \$400.

ACTION ITEM- Lori Vigfusson will check with Zoey about the number of times she babysat this year,

ACTION ITEM- Tina Marie required to put forward babysitting reimbursement.

- **8. New Business**

- Future meeting dates: June 14. AGM will be held in June 14 2016 at 6:30.

9. Future Agenda Items

Parent info pack - needs to be done by beginning of the year if it's going to be done. Input for field trips will be discussed. \$9800 either to be fundraised or lump sum for ~\$35 at beginning of year. And vote on Fund Allocation Model.

10. Mail/ Communications

None.

Adjournment and confirmation for date of next meeting, second Tuesday of the month. June 14, 2016.

Adjournment at 9:06pm